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SUBJECT: The Strategic Warning Problem (China)

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- 1. In response to my request, the China Intelligence Activities Coordination Group (CIACG) has prepared a report on the Strategic Warning Problem with respect to Communist China, the first such report devoted exclusively to this subject. The report analyzes our present capabilities, discusses the improvements in our warning capabilities which new collection systems under development may realistically be expected to produce over the next few years, and makes certain suggestions for possible enhancement of these capabilities. A copy of the CIACG study (Report, plus ten Annexes) is forwarded for your information with this memorandum.
- 2. As you will recognize as you read it, this is an extremely sensitive document. I would like you to give your personal attention to the handling of the report within your organization in order that I may be assured that it will come to the attention of those only who have an absolute requirement to see it. Annex X is being distributed to you separately.
- 3. I wish particularly to call your attention to the sober judgments of this report and to enjoin you to be prepared at USIB to discuss possible additional measures, not necessarily confined to the report's suggestions, which might carry reasonable expectation of improving US strategic warning capabilities with respect to China.

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